

Dear Veteran's Affairs Committee,

I just thought I would add my voice, not sure if it will be heard in any way, but saw the piece about the bill to close school statewide for Veterans' Day shown on NBC 30 on 2/24. As a Veteran who has children who have gone through the Glastonbury School system I have seen it done both ways. My experience first hand is that people did not even really know why they had the day off, and this was especially true for the students. I attended the local programs about Veterans and brought my kids on their day off, they were pretty much the only kids there, other then the ones performing a musical number through a group they belonged to. Flash forward and now my kids attend school that day. Guess what? The school kids all know what the day is about. Our school system does an outstanding job brining in Veterans to meet with the students, setting up museum quality displays, and running fundraisers which support Veteran causes that day. I respect Mr. Nolan's position, his service, and my heart aches for the loss of his son. However I have experienced and seen first hand the power of the students being in school that day with special programing that makes them more aware of who the Veteran's are in their community and what they have done for our country over the years.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

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